

## EDUCATIONAL AIMS

Black Mountain College is committed, by the provisions of its Certificate of Incorporation, to the following objectives:

- (1) To promote the general interests of education and, specifically, to establish and maintain, for students of both sexes, an educational institution of university, collegiate or other academic grade, or of any or all such grades, either in departments, separate schools or otherwise, where such students may receive instruction in those branches of learning which will aid in qualifying them for honorably and effectively discharging their obligations to society and their duties as citizens.
- (2) To confer, by action of its faculty and subject to the laws and regulations of the State of North Carolina, academic degrees and certificates in course upon such students as have satisfactorily completed the work required therefore and honorary degrees upon such men and women as have attained distinction in any fields of useful service.
- (3) To establish an institution of learning which will not espouse the cause of any political party, race or creed.

## ORIGIN AND HISTORY

Black Mountain College was founded in 1933, as a non-profit corporation, by a group of teachers and students from Rollins College. For several years thereafter it leased and occupied the Blue Ridge Assembly Hall near Black Mountain, N. C. In 1941 it moved to its newly acquired property on nearby Lake Eden.

The College has been from its beginning a liberal arts college, the curriculum covering that broad portion of the spectrum of educational activity which includes the various creative and performing arts, the social sciences and humanities, and the natural sciences. However, emphasis has frequently shifted within those activities according to the varied interests of changing faculty and student body.

The size of the faculty has remained roughly the same throughout the history of the College. The ratio of students to faculty has remained small, this being a basic principle of the College. There has, however, been considerable fluctuation in that ratio during the years of the war and its aftermath.